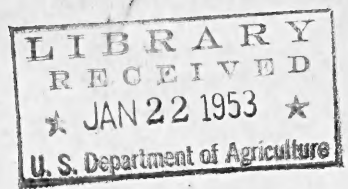


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WHEN YOU THINK OF FRAGRANT GLADS

1953 THINK OF 1953
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Dear Friends,

This is my eleventh catalog and 1953 will be my 27th year of hybridizing glads. I made my first fragrant crosses with Mibloom in 1933. I now have 8 fragrant varieties of my own breeding in this catalog. Most of the early fragrant varieties were "chance crosses". My seedlings have been the result of crossing and selecting for fragrance so that some of these now carry up to 4 different strains of fragrant blood and have five or six generations of fragrant ancestors. I have been surprised that there has been so little competition in this field but for some time many of the growers were skeptical about fragrance in glads.

Again this year Elmer Gove has bought half of the stock of Progress and Pink Fragrance, my two new varieties for 1953. Other growers will be listing my older varieties this year.

We had a drowth here in Illinois from August on until digging time and so the crop of large bulbs and bulblets was short. I also had a new experience this year, "Grub Worms". Some varieties were damaged from 10% to 30%. Pink Fragrance was so badly chewed up that after I had sent Gove the bulbs I had promised him, I find I cannot offer bulbs of it this year. MORAL--"Never count your bulbs until they are dug".

My one business rule remains the same as it has always been, "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE."

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer

PINK FRAGRANCE

Parentage: Frilled Fragrance X Summer Breeze

PINK FRAGRANCE is practically the same breeding as "THISISIT" except the sport of New Era. Frilled Fragrance, was used in place of New Era in the cross. PINK FRAGRANCE is very similar to THISISIT in floret form and fragrance but the color is a clear light pink shading lighter in the throat, instead of the warmer salmon pink of THISISIT. 6-8 open, 4½" heavily ruffled florets of good substance, on a 19 bud always straight spike. THISISIT has been one of my most popular seedlings so I expect PINK FRAGRANCE to be well received.

Sorry no bulbs this year do to grub worm damage.

PROGRESS

Parentage: (Incense X Incense) X (Arethusa X New Era) X Perfume)

PROGRESS is the first seedling to be offered from the pollen parent above, which is 48X-P5. I have at least 20 more seedlings from P5 on other crosses under trial. You will hear from them later.

PROGRESS is a rose red leaning more toward the red. 4" florets up to 8 open in the field in 95 degree temperature. Medium height straight spike with 17 buds. PROGRESS may be a little more fragrant than THISISIT but not quite as fragrant as YELLOW ROSE. PROGRESS is the nearest to a fragrant red to date.

ANY SIZE BULB----\$3.00 no Blts.

YELLOW ROSE

Parentage: 4CX-N22

YELLOW ROSE is my most fragrant glad to date. It has a tall straight stem, 13-14 buds and 5" well ruffled florets with 6 open and 6 in color. The color is a clear medium yellow with two small red brush marks in the throat. It is an easy grower and an excellent propagator.

All the stock of large bulbs of Yellow Rose were sold as soon as they were cleaned to customers who had tried it last year. The medium bulbs will bloom well however.

PRICE: M.-\$2.50 S.-\$2.00 Blts. \$.25

SACHET

Parentage: Perfume X (Mibloom X Maid Of Orleans)

SACHET is a heavily ruffled pure white of good substance, 6 open and 6 in color on a 15 bud spike. The 3½" florets are formally placed and well attached. It is of medium height and always straight. SACHET might be described as a Perfume without the throat blotch, tho SACHET is more white and less creamy. SACHET was very good last year and seemed more fragrant. The fragrance tho light is persistent and will remain on the spike until it is bloomed out. It is a clean grower and easy propagator but the stock is still small.

PRICE: L.-\$2.00 M.-\$1.50 S.-\$1.00 Blts. \$.20

SWEET 'N LOVELY

Parentage: Paula Ann X Perfume

SWEET 'N LOVELY combines the blood lines of Picardy, New Era, Joli and Summer Breeze. SWEET 'N LOVELY is a light pink shading lighter toward a red dart in the throat. Florets are slightly winged and ruffled, 4½" to 5" 6 open on a medium height always straight 17 bud spike.

SWEET 'N LOVELY has a good rose scent type fragrance.

PRICE: L.--\$.75 M.--\$.50 S.--\$.25 Blts. 4 for \$.25

SPECIAL 1-L., 1-M., 1-S., and 10 Blts. \$1.50

THISISIT

Parentage: Summer Breeze X New Era

THISISIT is a fine clean strong growing glad and should make a good commercial now that the price is down. THISISIT is a pure pink self, heavily ruffled and good substance. 4" florets and 6 open on a 20 bud flower head. THISISIT has a good and persistent fragrance. It makes small bulblets in good quantity and germination is excellent.

PRICE: L.-\$.25 M.-\$.15 S.-3 for \$.25 Blts. 12 for \$.25

SPECIAL: 2-L., 6-S., and 12 Blts. \$1.00

INCENSE SMOKE

Parentage:--Mather Machree X Incense

INCENSE SMOKE is one of those colors so hard to describe with words. It is a smoky pink or old rose, shading to a light yellow throat, with two small red darts deep in the throat. It is a tall straight strong growing plant, 3½"-4" florets, 5-6 open. INCENSE SMOKE has a good fragrance. This has sold out every year since its introduction.

PRICE: L. \$.35 M. \$.25 S. -2 for \$.25 Blts. 10 for \$.25

46X-N22

Parentage: Mibloom Sdlg. X(Mibloom X Incense)

This little glad has proven to be a good parent for fragrance and is one of the parents of Yellow Rose and 49X-R3. It is a tall straight plain petaled yellow self, 3" florets with 6 open. It makes clean bulbs and is a run away propagator. You won't have trouble smelling this one. It blooms from small bulbs, better try the special.

SPECIAL: 2 L.--2 M.--6 S.--15 Blts. for \$1.00

PRICE: L. --\$.25 M. 2 for \$.25 S. 4 for \$.25 Blts. 10--\$.25

GWEN

Parentage: Rose Marie Pfitzer X Picardy

Gwen is a tall straight light rose, 5" florets and 6 open. Gwen is quite similar to Diadem but is of entirely different breeding. It has a light but persistent fragrance and is giving me some good smokies in fragrant crosses. This is an entirely new blood line from those interested in breeding for fragrance.

PRICE: L. --\$.50 M. --\$.35 S. --\$.25 Blts. 10 for \$.50

DIADEM

Parentage: new Era X Vista Bonita

DIADEM is the largest of the fragrant glads. It is a medium deep rose with a cream throat, 5"-5½" florets 6 open on an 18 bud spike. The fragrance is light and is more noticable when cut than in the garden. Diadem has given me my largest fragrant seedlings to date.

PRICE: L- \$.25 M. --\$.15 S. -3 for \$.25 Blts. 10 for \$.25

COLOGNE

Parentage: Incense X New Era,

COLOGNE is a much improved Incense in every way, larger flower taller and more fragrant. It is a deep pink with a large cream throat, 4" florets, 5-6 open on a tall spike.

PRICE: L. --\$.25 M. --\$.15 S. 3 for \$.25 Blts. 20 for \$.25

SPECIAL -2 L.; 8 M, 4S, and 20 Blts. \$1.00

PERFUME

Parentage: Joli X Summer Breeze

PERFUME is a ruffled creamy white with a rose dart in the throat. 4½" florets, 4-6 open on a medium height plant. Perfume is a double cross Mibloom sdlg. and is the best of the older fragrant varieties.

PRICE: L.- 2 for \$.25 M.- 3 for \$.25

49X-R1

White shading to cream in the throat and flushed pink on the petal edges. Nicely ruffled $3\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 6 open, 16 buds on a straight slender stem. It is an early bloomer and a heavy propagator. 49X-R1 is a little too big for a 200 and not quite good enough for a 300. It does have a good fragrance.

49X-R3

Parentage: Perfume X 46X-N22

This is a ruffled light yellow with a deeper yellow tongue in the throat. $3\frac{1}{4}$ " florets, 11 buds on a medium height stem. This glad is closely related to Yellow Rose, but does not have the red in the throat. It has a good fragrance but is not quite good enough for a name.

PRICE on either of the above--any size bulb \$.25

WHITE RIBBON

WHITE RIBBON is a pure white (not creamy) lightly ruffled, 3" florets, 6 open and 6 in color, on a tall slender straight stem. It makes large blts. in good quantity that germinate easily. This has won a lot of ribbons and should make a good commercial. Glen Pierce bought most of my planting stock of WHITE RIBBON last year. The 200's have been a kind of side line for me but I will have a real fragrant 200 for next year. PRICE: L.- \$.35 M.- \$.25 S.-2 for \$.25 Blts. 10 for \$.25

I have discontinued several of my older varieties as I lack the space and time for them. Glen Pierce has a good stock of Pink Ribbon and Yellow Ribbon if you want a start of them. The older fragrant glads are being steadily out classed by my newer seedlings so I have discontinued them except a few to use in my breeding program.

All orders are prepaid any where in the U.S.A. 10 bulbs of a size and kind at 8 times the price of one. 5 bulbs at the ten rate. The usual extras and over count.

All of these bulbs have been state inspected both in the field and in storage and were dusted by a fungicide and D.F.T. at cleaning time.

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